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Coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium,[1] which was adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth special session,

Stressing the importance of General Assembly resolutions 56/206 and 56/205 of 21 December 2001,

Recalling also relevant resolutions on human settlements, in particular General Assembly resolutions 3327 (XXIX) of 16 December 1974 and 32/162 of 19 December 1977,

Recalling also the goal contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration[2] of achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum-dwellers by the year 2020,

Recognizing that urgent steps should be taken to ensure better mobilization of financial resources at all levels to enhance the implementation of the Habitat Agenda,[3] the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium and the relevant goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration, particularly in developing countries,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China and in accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

[1] See General Assembly resolution S-25/2, annex.

[2] General Assembly resolution 55/2.

[3] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3-14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

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Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda,[4]

1. *Calls upon* Governments, in particular developed countries, and international financial institutions to increase their financial contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation to assist developing countries in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda,[3] the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium[1] and the United Nations millennium development goals[5] of achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum-dwellers, with due consideration of marginalized groups, by the year 2020;

2. *Encourages* UN-Habitat to continue to implement the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium, including through promoting partnerships with the Habitat Agenda partners, to achieve the goals of adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements;

3. *Invites* the Executive Director of UN-Habitat to establish, within the framework of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and in accordance with paragraph 66 of the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium, the establishment of the Habitat Agenda Task Manager System to allow better monitoring and mutual reinforcement of actions taken by international agencies in support of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda;

4. *Encourages* UN-Habitat to strengthen its collaboration with the United Nations Development Group and other relevant bodies in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its substantive session of 2003 under the item entitled "Economic and environmental questions" a sub-item entitled "Coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda", and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its 2003 session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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[4] E/2002/48.
[5] See A/56/326, sect. III.